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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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TITLE: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
STAGED IMPLANTATION OF A GRAFT
FOR VASCULAR REPAIR

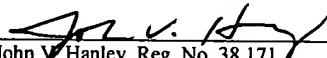
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated November 27, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter amended claims 1, 3 and 7 and substitute the amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers. Please cancel claims 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8-10.

1. (Amended) A method for the percutaneous insertion of a graft supported by at least one attachment system within the vascular system of a patient, the graft capable of assuming a compressed condition and an uncompressed condition, and the at least one